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From left, Leah Barnett and Samantha Rossi stand underneath an ice formation in Crystal Beach. See page 22 for the story.

Engaged crowd listens to byelection candidates speak on top issues

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Sarah Ferguson
 Fort Erie Times

An engaged crowd showed up to a debate in Fort Erie

Monday night to listen to what four of the Niagara Falls riding provincial byelection candidates had to say — and some in the audi-

ence didn't hold their feelings back.

The crowd let the candidates know when they approved or disapproved of

what they were hearing.

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'Always give a hand up' is a lesson NDP candidate learned in childhood

Ray Spiteri
OMI Agency Niagara

When Wayne Gates sees a person struggling, he says he can't help but lend a hand.

The Niagara Falls city councillor who is the New Democrat candidate in the Feb. 13 provincial byelection, says that trait comes from his childhood. "When I was growing up, our family had the New Democrat attitude. Some of it was living in poverty, some of it was having a tough time for my parents to make ends meet," he says.

"I think through that I always feel that (I) never give up on anybody, always be there to give them a hand up because there's a lot of great people out

there that just need a hand up."

Gates says the No. 1 concern for residents he talks to is jobs. "I take a look at the Liberal policies, they're obviously not working. We've got the highest unemployment here in Niagara."

"The corporate tax cuts that both the Liberals and the Conservatives support aren't working. They're taking the tax cuts and they're saying, 'Thanks very much,' but what they need to do is reinvest back into the plants and that's not happening."

Gates says government should offer targeted tax credits to businesses hiring young people and investing in their



Wayne Gates

workplace.

"I've had a lot of people say to me, 'Listen, my kids are in the basement, I want them out, I want them to get a job, I want them to have a future,' but more importantly what they want is they want this future right here

in Niagara. They want their kids to stay home. They want to have the opportunity to see their grandkids, see them raise their families here."

Gates says he's "100% behind" a new hospital in Niagara Falls and that he has long been vocal about improving health care in the riding.

"Wayne Gates hasn't just showed up at the byelection. I've been out there fighting for

health care," he says, adding "everybody is entitled to health care... no matter where you live."

He says health care and education are the "heart beats" of communities.

Gates says he supports Niagara Falls' push to attract a post-secondary campus or program downtown and hopes Parliament Oak School in Niagara-on-the-Lake can stay

open, rather than merge with Crossroads Public School in Virgil.

Wayne Gates
Age: 62

From: Niagara Falls
Family: Married, three children

Political experience: City councillor from 2010-present

Professional experience: President for Union Local 199

Government should do less, says Libertarian

Ray Spiteri
OMI Agency Niagara

If the government does a lot more, individuals can do a lot more.

That's the ideology Ontario should adopt as it tries to get out from underneath an \$11.7-million deficit and \$272 billion of debt, says Libertarian party candidate Stefanos Karatopis.

"The party is the same as which I am for: less government interference," says Karatopis, who is new to politics having never run for public office before. "There is, I think, a problem with control, overzealous, overregulation. There's just too much control on private property. We cannot run any businesses. It's too much red tape to get through."

Karatopis says he was approached by the Libertarian party to represent them for the Feb. 13 provincial Niagara Falls riding byelection.

Karatopis says if more people were encouraged to open "whatever types of business they want" on private property, more jobs would be created.

As an example of government interference, he points to Niagara-on-the-Lake wineries. "I believe they also should be able to sell their wines in any retail market. If we introduce competition then the prices will fall and would prevent the people from going over the border to purchase the same product for a much less. This will in turn support the economy and encourage a higher volume in sales. In turn this would support the local economy and support the wine pro-



Stefanos Karatopis

ducers. A Libertarian government would sell off the LCBP and allow private competition."

Karatopis says energy is one of the issues he would like to discuss during the byelection campaign.

"We produce way too much electricity as it is to begin with, so there's an overabundance of it and we sell it at such a distress rate to neighbouring provinces or to the United States," he says.

He also says government should "introduce competition" into the health-care system.

Stefanos Karatopis

Age: 44

From: West Lincoln

Family: Not married, two children

Professional background:

Poultry farmer, home-run computer business

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Scrap Green Energy and hydro rates go down, says Maves

Ray Spiteri
Niagara Advance

Bart Maves is only slightly joking when he says his top three priorities during this byelection are jobs, jobs

and jobs.

Maves, the Progressive Conservative candidate in the Feb. 13 race to fill the MPP seat, says there are other issues of concern in the Niagara riding.

But the one constant he's hearing when going door-

to-door is jobs and what candidates plan to do to bring more of them to Niagara.

Maves, who was the Niagara Falls MPP from 1995-2003, says it's time government starts paying the way for businesses to

succeed.

"It reminds me of 1995 after five years of (NDP premier) Bob Rae, they followed a high tax, big deficit, tons of new red tape ... all kinds of new government institutions that just beat up

on businesses constantly and we had a terribly high unemployment rate, lots of closures," he says.

"The Liberals, I think, have followed the exact same path and now they've got the exact same result. They had 300,000 lost manufacturing jobs in the last 10 years."

Maves says hydro rates need to go down, which can be done by scrapping the Green Energy program, as does the growing number of government employees making more than \$100,000.

With his government-relations firm, Maves says his job is to help grow companies and help create good-paying manufacturing jobs.

Maves says he has been calling for north and south Niagara hospitals to be built since 2007. "I was bold enough to say what I felt at the time and I've never really wavered from that's what I thought was the best system for Niagara health care in the long term."

In Niagara-on-the-Lake, Maves says the government should give local wineries more opportunities to sell their product.



Bart Maves

"I firmly believe you need to have more outlets to sell Ontario wine made with Niagara grapes."

If we do that, I think you'll see the Niagara-on-the-Lake area boom with agriculture jobs."

Bart Maves

Age: 49

From: Niagara Falls

Family: Married, three children

Political experience: MPP from 1995-2003, regional councillor from 2010-present

Professional experience: Owner, operator, Sterlingbridge Marketing and Communications

Hospital, GO train, university to bring jobs to Niagara

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

She's running for provincial politics, but campaigning like a city councillor.

Joyce Morocco wants to bring local issues to Queen's Park. And she wants results.

"I think as soon as we get the hospital, we want a GO Train and we want the casino modernization and we want a university downtown," says Morocco, who will represent the Liberal party in the Feb. 13 byelection.

"I think that once we can get those, the jobs will just come flowing in."

Morocco says she can be a voice in the legislature, having the ear of Liberal Premier Kathleen Wynne.

"The Liberal party has been able to perform. They've actually provided us with millions of dollars, whether for infrastructure (or) for (health



Joyce Morocco

(care) in the last few years. They've actually been the party that has been the most aggressive in giving us what we need here in Niagara."

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Candidate lost faith in parties

Ray Spilori
Niagara Advance

Tim Tredwell is running as an independent, as he did during the 2011 provincial election.

He says he has lost faith in political parties, which lack accountability to the constituents they are supposed to serve.

"In the real world, if you screw up badly, you could be fired. But in the political world there are no consequences. You can sit there for four years and pretty well get away with anything," he says.

"I believe without real consequences, I will never have accountability."

Tredwell says more politicians should be allowed to vote "as their constituents want" at Queen's Park and in the House of Commons.

"A recall vote or maybe people could better relate to an impeachment type of an independent voting...because you would have the real fear of the consequence of being fired if you didn't do what the constituents wanted you to do."

He says they have such a vote in British Columbia.

The result of the by-election won't change the status of the



Tim Tredwell

Liberal minority government, but Tredwell says by electing him it would send a clear signal to parties that the status quo is not working.

"With me as a neutral voice, I believe that puts the voice of the people right on the floor of the legislature and what I would be seeking is bipartisan support."

"I'm asking people not to give up their loyalty or support of their general parties that they like, but rather to use this vote as a referendum on accountability."

Tim Tredwell

Age: 54
From: Niagara Falls
Family: Not married, two children

Professional experience: Works at Portage Rd. Beer Store

Jobs, health care, are priority for riding

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"They are listening to what we need."

She says jobs and health care are top of mind for people living in the Niagara Falls, Fort Erie and Niagara-on-the-Lake riding.

"They would like to see more jobs, there's no doubt about that. They're very excited about the (\$26.2-million planning grant) announcement for the hospital... and they've heard also the fact that there's a good possibility of having a university on Queen St. They think that's an excellent idea."

Morocco says a south Niagara hospital will not only improve health-care delivery at a better price, it will also attract more professional doctors, nurses and medical organizations. She says that happened when the community health centre was built in Niagara Morocco says regular

GO Train service in Niagara Falls would help businesses draw employees from outside the region.

She says in meetings with some companies, she heard they struggle with getting skilled labour in the area, which "somewhat surprised" her.

"Apparently for some of the engineers, there is not (a lot of) skilled labour. We have to draw those people from outside and they said if there was the GO Train, they would be able to pull those resources in from the GTA area."

Joyce Morocco

Age: 57
From: Niagara Falls
Family: Married, two children

Political experience: City councillor from 2003-2006, 2010-present

Professional experience: President, Destination Niagara

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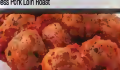
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Do your research and vote

We haven't had a lot of time to prepare for the upcoming vote - we've known it was coming since the fall - but the actual date was only announced a month before the Feb. 13 byelection to replace Liberal MPP Kim Craitor, who announced his resignation in October.

However, we've offered a profile of each candidate—all eight of them—and there have been all-candidates meetings in Niagara Falls, Fort Erie and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

If jobs are important to you; if you care about local education; if you are concerned about health care, those are the issues that the province and our MPP can influence. If you care about those very important factors that determine the health of our economy, our communities and our families, please vote.

It's also important to choose a politician who understands our community, its values and beliefs, and what its resident hold dear.

Niagara-on-the-Lake has a reputation for

exceeding the average voter turnout, but that doesn't mean we have a great turnout.

Most people vote for a specific party, the one with the ideology that best matches their own. They are not necessarily voting for the candidate, and seldom budge because of something they may have read or heard.

However, if you're not one of those voters committed to a particular party, do a bit of research. Ask around at the coffee shop to find out who people support and why.

Kim Craitor was popular in all three of the municipalities in this riding. But without him, there may be some movement away from the Liberals. Time will tell.

However you decide to do your research, we hope you take this responsibility to heart and let your voices be heard. Because if you don't vote, one thing you can be sure of - your voice won't be heard, and you won't be able to complain that nobody's listening.

letters to the editor

Need for social assistance keeps growing

Dear Editor,

By most international indicators, we live in a privileged society.

Most of us can live comfortably, and provide for our families. However, too many people across our province are living with the stark reality of poverty, and Niagara is no exception.

The on-going need for food banks, the growing reliance on school breakfast programs, and a continual request for charitable donations for items such as coats and boots offer short-term support but do not tackle the root issues that lead people into poverty or keep them trapped there.

We can all agree that comprehensive collective action must be taken against poverty because the cost of not taking action is far too high, for persons living in poverty and society as a whole.

The Brock Observatory's

2013 report pegged the cost of the consequences of poverty in Niagara at \$1.38 billion annually.

The biggest barrier to good health is not smoking or physical inactivity, it is poverty.

We know having access to healthy foods such as hospitals is important, but our health care system is poorly equipped to address the most important factors that actually affect one's health such as affordable healthy food, secure housing, sufficient income, quality stable employment, and access to education. We need to shift our conversation from focusing so heavily on treating sickness to one that prevents illnesses before they take hold.

This shift is not easy - it is far too easy to blame individuals for poor lifestyle choices, when deeper societal issues and challenges are the primary culprits.

Thankfully, all three major parties in Ontario understand that poverty in our communities needs urgent attention.

Their unanimous commitment to poverty reduction legislation in 2009 followed on the

province's historic first Poverty Reduction Strategy in 2008. And last year, the Ontario government held consultations across the province on subsequent steps to take in the next five-year Strategy, which is expected for release early this year.

The cornerstone of the Initial Strategy was the Ontario Child Benefit and it has lifted 47,000 Ontario children and their families out of poverty. The OCB has proven that investing in poverty reduction pays great dividends.

Now, we need to see the government make further commitments to other facets of poverty, such as affordable housing, social assistance, minimum wage increase, and dental care.

We know a tough fiscal climate continues, but investment is needed now more than ever - every government has fiscal choices and reducing poverty must be prioritized.

We urge you to stay informed and ask candidates in the upcoming Niagara Falls by-election what they plan to do about poverty when they come



Do You Remember?

Our thanks to Gloria and Bob Moon for identifying all of the people in last week's photo of the 1961 installation of newly elected social officers for Stevensville Fire Company No. 5.

From left, (front) is Terry Talbot, Bill Hartman and Dave Gibbs, (back) Henry Schaeffer, Tom Moon (Bob's

brother), Gary Burr and Malcolm Monroe.

Thanks also to Melody and Jack Harasty for identifying Jack as the tall boy winning the trophy in the model car competition from the previous week's photo.

This contest was held around 1965 and sponsored by Stedmann's.

This week's photo was taken in 1982. If you remember either of these women, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca.

We give bonus points to anyone who can identify the artist of the painting.

knocking on your doors during the campaign.

Learn more about the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy, and the Niagara Poverty Reduction Network at www.wipeoutpoverty.ca.

Elisabeth Zimmermann
Niagara Poverty Reduction
network chairman

Reader: What is Hudak's Million Jobs Act?

Dear Editor

We have been hearing a lot in the news about Tim Hudak's Million Jobs Act.

But what is it, really?

From what I understand, Hudak wants to limit funds to unions in the hopes of eventually destroying them all. His plan is a copy of the Right to Work scheme that is prevalent in the U.S. He touts this as giving "rights" to workers, that is, the right to refuse to pay union dues. But how will that actually

help the average worker in Ontario?

In South Carolina, where Right to Work laws have existed for over 50 years, the minimum wage is only \$7.25 per hour. People there refer to the act as the "Right to Work for Less

Is this where we're headed? Implementing the Right to Work Act will make it more difficult for unions to survive. Unions help workers by fighting for things like fair wages, good working conditions, job safety, job security and benefits. Not only do unions help those workers in a unionized workplace, but they fight for legislation that can benefit all workers in Ontario.

Of course Tim's plan will help big business because they will have more power and more profit.

In Fort Erie we have already seen hundreds lose their jobs over the past years. In one case an American company in Stevensville shut their doors and walked away from their employees without any prior notice or assistance to help them deal with so suddenly

being jobless. Some had worked at the plant for over three decades.

Hudak's plan will certainly cause more events like this. Without unions, workers will have more difficulty getting fair wage increases. With rising costs for necessities such as food, gas and hydro, many people today already work two to three low paid, part-time jobs just to get by. How are we to pay for these things with lower wages? How will the average person be able to raise a family and live decently? We won't.

Hudak says his plan will create jobs and "modernize" employment. Perhaps by this he means companies won't have to build their industries thousands of miles overseas. They can build their industries in Ontario, where there will be an abundance of cheap, powerless labour for them to exploit and profit from.

The right to say no to a union is much less important than having no right to fair wages, job security and safe working conditions.

Brigitte Bonner, Ridgeway

opinion page

Break down the stigma of Alzheimer's disease



Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

On Feb. 12, the public is invited to the Centennial branch of the Fort Erie Public Library for a presentation from the Alzheimer's Society of Niagara.

The presentation will break down the stigma of Alzheimer's Disease, through sharing, encouraging questions and discussion.

The more we know, the better we can cope when Alzheimer's becomes a harsh reality of life for ourselves or for others. The library has resources on Alzheimer's, including the only work of fiction recommended by the Alzheimer's Society, Lisa Genova's *Still Alice*. This book tells the first-person story of Alice, an intelligent, well-educated woman who finds herself losing memories, abilities and pieces of her personality and history. The non-fiction books about this disease

include Ruth Westheimer's *Dr. Ruth's Guide For The Alzheimer's Caregiver*: How to care for your loved one without getting overwhelmed—and without doing it all yourself and Learning to Speak Alzheimer's: a ground-breaking approach for everyone dealing with the disease by Joanne Cooke. There are helpful, websites with the most up-to-date information available, under digital content/research/health and wellness/consumer health complete on the library website, www.fepi.ca.

Kids, if you think football is over for the season, you haven't heard about the free Madden 25 Xbox tournament this Saturday. You can still pick a team, and

report for bracketing at 10:30 a.m. at the Centennial branch.

Valentine's Day is fast approaching, and we have ways for everyone to celebrate. Children can make a free Valentine craft all afternoon and evening on Feb. 13 at the Crystal Ridge or Stevensville branch, and Valentine crafts will be available all day on Feb. 14 at the Centennial branch. Some favourite children's stories with a Valentine theme include Mary Murphy's *A Kiss like This*, Mary Engelbert's *Queen of Hearts* and Valentine's Day is... by Gail Gibbons.

Teen and adult readers can add a little excitement to their reading life with a "Blind Date

with a Book". A variety of staff-recommended books will be prepared in plain brown wraps and will be available in a display from Feb. 10 to 22. If you are ready for something new, and you like to read, who knows? You may find the library love of your life! The usual three week loan period will apply to the Blind Date books.

Amazing Grace will be screened Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch.

We observe Black History month with this true story of some of the first anti-slavery activists, those working in England in the 18th and 19th centuries to end the slave trade. William Wilberforce and John

Newton, the author of the hymn *Amazing Grace*, were two of the brave men whose stories are part of that history.

Other films playing this week include *Diana*, the story of the last months of the life of Princess Diana and her romance with the heart surgeon Hasnat Khan, screening this evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch, and Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch. Saturday's family movies at the Centennial branch will be the original *Land Before Time*. *Amazing Grace* will encore on Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. at Crystal Ridge.

Please note that all branches of the library will be closed on Feb. 17.

Plenty of fun for the whole family planned for Family Day



Nadine Foersterberg

Let me start with telling you about the show that we had on January 25.

The Arrogant worms were

scheduled to perform at The Sanctuary and let me tell you we were worried. The predicted high winds and snow masses were giving us frost bite and a nervous breakdown.

Thankfully, the weather wasn't as bad as we feared and the Worms and their fans arrived safely from all over Ontario. We had a great show with the band demanding grown adults to act like silly children—all in good fun with very good music. Those Arrogant Worms, but they have the goods to back it up.

Thank you to all the little and big dancers who came

out last Saturday to The Super Silly Fun Time Kids Dance Party.

It was a lot of fun and much needed in this bitter cold and wintry weather.

We were able to collect a lot of non-perishable food items for Community Program Outreach Erie, our local food bank. So thank you also for helping out the less fortunate. It was greatly appreciated.

Visit us on Family Day on Feb. 17 and bring your children. The Fort Erie Arts Council is bringing you fun Family Day activities from 12:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.

We are talking Story Time

with our beloved Miss Hazel, cookie decorating, sock puppet making and hooping.

All activities are free for members. Sign up with The Fort Erie Arts Council the day of the event and receive benefits year round or pay a small fee.

I felt this was so sweet that I wanted to share this with you. A lady called me the other day wanting to book the space for a wedding. The couple chose The Sanctuary as a venue because they had their first date at one of our shows where they actually fell in love. We feel so blessed to be part of such a cute love story.

Speaking of Love, Valentine's Day is approaching fast and we have something special up our sleeves for you. We felt it really important to embrace Love in general on this day hence the creation of V(G) Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is all about romance and Valentine's Day is all about celebrating your lady friends.

No matter how you feel about this date, appreciating women, love, fun and great music is what we'd like to offer to you.

For musical entertainment, we have invited the amazingly talented Sarah Lean.

During her 15-year career,

Sarah created eight albums, showed off her acting chops in two short films and a movie musical, exhibited her art, published two volumes of poetry and so much more. Sarah was nominated for three Junos and 2 Gemini's. Her music has been released in over 10 countries. We are very proud to have her play at The Sanctuary.

For more information about classes, entertainment and tickets, visit our website www.thesanctuaryarts.org.

Nadine Foersterberg is a member of the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

Manufacturing is alive and well in the Niagara region

When it comes to manufacturing in Niagara, I can't help but shake my head when I overhear the dire coffee-shop talk.

Certainly, we took a devastating hit in the 2008 recession. And we're still on the road to recovering the jobs we lost. But the longer we get stuck dwelling in a woe-is-me frame of mind, the more we miss what's really going on in Niagara: That we're bucking the provincial trend and adding manufacturing jobs, even as Ontario on the whole shed them last year.

Surprised we're ahead of the curve?

And yet, that's reality. In the past year, another 1,300 manu-

facturing jobs landed here in Niagara. How about the goods-producing sector? Another 2,300 jobs in the black. Construction? It's holding its own with another 300 jobs.

A first step? Sure—but it's a good one, at that. But to me, it's also proof positive that advanced manufacturing is alive and well in Niagara. And it's a sign that the teamwork we've been doing to get these jobs here is paying off.

To me, that's what we ought to be talking about over a double-doubled. Especially when we've asked manufacturers themselves and found almost three-quarters of them are planning to expand their busi-

nesses within the next three years. They're thinking positive. Why not the rest of us?

We've got to keep the ball rolling, and that means not losing the good things in the shadow of the challenges. We've all swallowed the bitter pill of tough unemployment numbers, even if we made out better than some on a yearly basis.

We can't forget that too many Niagarans are still without a job.

But we're bringing everyone together to try and attract the good-paying, highly skilled jobs our residents need, and I think we ought not to be shy about our efforts bearing fruit.

I'm encouraged to see those

new manufacturing jobs because it shows we're thinking the right way about shoring up a historic pillar of our economy.

There's no silver bullet solution. Gone are the days of luring one big factory with hundreds of jobs and calling it mission accomplished.

Instead, we're going up the ladder one rung at a time. A small plant here, a medium-sized business there. And we're focusing on specific clusters of industries that could be a fit for Niagara.

Even in small increments, it's starting to pay dividends. We set our sights as a region on building a green energy cluster.

Fast forward to now, and we've got not one, but three renewable energy companies pulling down roots in Niagara. That means three separate infusions of advanced manufacturing jobs.

That's exciting. Goes great with a coffee and a donut, too.

And it's something Niagara is pulling off by working together; from regional council's focus on jobs to our partnerships with Niagara College, the Niagara Industrial Association and the 12 area municipal partners.

I don't think we help Niagara bounce back when we get lost in the labyrinth of negativity.

Instead, let's get back to thinking positive about manufacturing. We're a heck of a lot more likely to pull off a comeback if we start thinking more yes-we-can and less no-we-can't.

That's why I'm delighted to hear jobs become the talk of the town as we gear up for the coming byelection in Niagara Falls. And it's not just one corner of the political arena we're hearing it from—it's a focus for all three major parties.

Keep talking, folks. We're all ears here in Niagara.

Give us something positive to take down to the ballot box—and to the coffee shop.

Gary Burroughs is chairman of Niagara regional council

Anti-poverty activist wants to return government to people

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

Troy Young, People's
Political Party of Ontario

Kevin Clarke, who will
represent the People's

Political Party of Ontario in
the Thornhill by-election
and is Young's campaign
manager for the Niagara
race, says Young is an
anti-poverty
activist.

Young is also a
candidate for the
vacant party leader-
ship post and will
also campaign for
the mayor of
Toronto's job, says
Clarke.

"Our mission is
to invest in
humanity, to
return govern-
ment back to what
our party's name
is: 'The people,'"
says Clarke.

"The people are

tired of politics and the bull
crap that leads to the large
amount of social decay in
Ontario. With the people
standing behind the peo-
ple, we will return the peo-
ple back to government."

Clarke blames the lead-
ers of the Liberal,
Progressive Conservative
and New Democratic
parties for putting "future
generations in debt for the
sake of special interests, for
the sake of political favours
in Ontario."

Clarke says his party,
which was registered in
2011, supports an end to
poverty.

"Fair, equal, accessible,
affordable education for
all. Health care for all. Safe
streets. Safe environment.
Stopping police and politi-



Troy Young
cal abuse of authority."

Troy Young

Age: 43
From: Toronto
Family: Not married, no
children
Professional experience:
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NOTICE

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Brought to you by the Senior's Advisory Committee
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A Roast Beef and Chicken Buffet Luncheon

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Niagara Airbus adds new production line

Alison Langley
OMI Agency Niagara

Growing up in Fort Erie, Stephen Passero knows it was always a bit of a challenge leaving his grandfather's place in Gilmore Rd.

"You always know when it was fun, because you couldn't back out of his driveway," the Fort Erie councillor recalled.

In recent times, however, a rash of closures in the town's manufacturing sector meant traffic was a little sparser along the rural road.

All that, he said, will soon

change with the announcement Tuesday that Airbus Helicopters Canada will add 40 new high-skill manufacturing jobs at its Gilmore Rd. facility.

"I'm very proud that even more cars will soon be passing by his house," Passero said.

"Each car represents an employee, it represents a family, a mortgage, gas and groceries and disposable income to be spent."

Airbus Helicopters Canada—formerly called Eurocopter Canada—announced Tuesday it will add the new production line, after it was awarded an international contract to make

engine cowlings, or removable engine covers, for the EC225 aircraft.

CEO Romain Trapp said the EC225 helicopter is sold in markets around the world and known as the "workhorse" of the oil and gas industry, while it transports workers to offshore drilling rigs.

With this 15-million-dollar investment, Airbus Helicopters is demonstrating its confidence in and commitment to Ontario and Canada," Trapp said.

This expansion of our composite department will also

help protect the jobs already here as we continue to grow,"

Airbus Helicopters Canada is the largest employer in Fort Erie, with 235 workers.

Trapp said the announcement recognizes Ontario as "a good place to do business, particularly in advanced manufacturing."

Representatives from the federal, provincial and municipal governments attended the announcement, even though the contract came without government aid.

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne said co-operation

between business and all levels of government is needed to ensure Ontario businesses "from Fort Erie to Fort Severn" remain competitive on a global level.

"We're competing on a world stage," she said.

"You all know that, and everyone at Airbus knows that, so we have to be at our best."

Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario Minister of State Gary Goodyear agreed.

"We have been working very hard to build on this incredible reputation in the world of man-

ufacturing and growing our aerospace and defence sector. In southern Ontario to make sure our high-tech companies become globally better and more prosperous," he said.

More than half of the new civil helicopters delivered in Canada over the past 10 years have come the Fort Erie plant, which Passero called "a crown in Fort Erie's manufacturing sector."

Airbus will celebrate its 30th year of Canadian operations this year.

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Tops up for debate include health care, jobs

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Some of those in attendance growled when Liberal candidate Joyce Morocco suggested Fort Erie is "alive and thriving" and that the town "has a lot going on right now." Morocco said she is committed to working with the Liberal minority government on not only keeping the businesses that exist in the community, but even expanding them.

Some in the crowd seemed perturbed when Progressive Conservative candidate Bart Maves said he didn't know the salary of an MPP. Maves responded to the audience reaction by noting when he was an MPP between 1995 and 2003, he ran on a platform to eliminate MPP pensions, saying he voted to eliminate his government pension.

Some audience members got on NDP candidate Wayne Gates when in an unrelated question he tried to slip in a rebuttal to a Morocco suggestion that he has no clear position on a south Niagara hospital proposal on the outskirts of Niagara Falls. Gates reiterated he's "100% behind" the project.

Green party candidate Clarke Bitter received cheers when he said he and his party want to amalgamate the Catholic and public school board in Niagara. Bitter said doing so would save \$1.2 billion, which can be spent on keeping schools open and improve programs.

Some in the crowd giggled when Bitter came up to the plate to answer a question about provincially significant wetlands and how existing legislation is hampering local offi-

cials from developing certain industrial lands.

"This is an interesting one for a Green party candidate," he said with a smile.

The Greens have traditionally been associated with wanting to protect the natural environment.

In total, 11 questions were asked of the candidates. The candidates were given time for opening and closing statements.

Questions ranged from jobs, education, public transportation, health care and, probably the most hot-button issue in town, the Fort Erie Race Track.

Morocco said the Liberal government is trying to come up with a five-year sustainable plan for the track, an effort to get away from the same year-to-year uncertainty that has long plagued the historic border oval.

Maves said his party intends reinstating slots at the track, a program the Tories, when in power, introduced in the late 1990s, which "ushered in the best decade" at the track. Maves also said other forms of gaming should be brought to the track, along with head-to-head sports betting.

Gates said he wants to see the slots come back and for the government to support a festival meet at the facility, which is something the NDP and track officials have been calling for.

Bitter said he would like for the slots to return, but also for the province to back a plan that would see more arts and culture events held at the venue during "off hours."

The evening got off to an interesting start when Troy Young, who recently got on the ballot and is running for the

People's Political Party of Ontario, stood up and named the moderator, Dean Demizio, president of the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce, which he wasn't allowed to participate in the debate.

There are eight candidates running in the byelection—Andrew Brannan of the Freedom Party, Libertarian Stefanos Karamitris and independent Tim Trevelyan being the others, all of whom came to the race late.

Demizio said the byelection was called quickly and the chamber, which hosted the event, tried to do the best they could within the limited time constraints they were faced with.

Erie said the chamber received a call from a candidate who claimed to have driven three hours to Fort Erie and wanted to be on the program.

Erie said from Toronto, "We can't accommodate everybody who comes out at the last minute," said Demizio. "You can talk to [visitors] at the end of the night."

Young called it "censorship at its finest."

"It's an all-candidates night not a some-candidates night," he said, which elicited some cheers from the audience.

But when he continued to press the issue with Demizio, asking why four of the candidates are not allowed to participate, some in the crowd began to get restless and urged him to stop.

Young ended up leaving the event before it started.

The debate was held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Centre on Garrison Rd.

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OVERNIGHT WINTER PARKING ON STREETS

ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS: In an effort to keep the streets free of vehicles during the winter months for snowplowing and sanding operations, residents are reminded that no overnight parking is permitted.

Traffic By-law No. 2000-89, Section 205 provides that "No person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to remain parked" on any street in Town "between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. between November 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014."

The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. **Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of the by-law.**

Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) 871-1600, Extension 2216 (Geoff Stephenson) or Extension 2215 (Matt Richardson).

Submit a detailed resume by Noon local time on Friday, December 13, 2013 to: Competition No. 25-2013, Human Resources, Town of Fort Erie, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON, L2A 2S6. Fax: 905 871 4322, email: hr@forterie.ca or 945 West, OpenOffice or pdf. More information is available at www.town.forterie.ca under Town Hall. Candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. The evaluation process may include a practical assessment. Personal information is collected under the Municipal Act, 2001 to determine employment suitability. The Town of Fort Erie is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation is available to candidates upon request.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

Take notice that on Tuesday, February 18th, 2014, the Council of the Town of Fort Erie will hold a public meeting pursuant to The Development Charges Act, 1997, regarding proposed development charge rates and policies that will be applied throughout the Town. It is proposed that enactment of a development charges by-law by Council would occur on a date subsequent to the public meeting.

Development charges are levied against new development, and are a primary source of funding for growth-related capital expenditures. The 2014 Development Charges Background Study relates to the provision of all eligible DC Services (i.e. – Library, Fire, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Administration, Roads, Storm Water, Water and Wastewater).

Council is required under The Development Charges Act, 1997, to hold at least one public meeting to allow the public the opportunity to review and provide comments on the 2014 Development Charges Background Study, related staff reports and the proposed development charges by-law.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public meeting:

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall, Town of Fort Erie,
1 Municipal Centre Drive, ON

Any person may attend the public meeting and make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the by-law. Written submissions are invited and should be directed to Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk (ckett@forterie.on.ca) no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday February 12, 2014. Written comments received prior to the meeting and submissions made at the public meeting will be considered by Council prior to the enactment of a new development charges by-law.

Technical inquiries should be directed to Helen Chamberlain, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer at 905-871-1600 x2300 or hchamberlain@forterie.on.ca

Copies of the 2014 Development Charges Background Study and the proposed development charges by-law will be available through the Town's website www.town.forterie.on.ca on February 4, 2014, or earlier.

DATED AT the Town of Fort Erie this 23rd day of January, 2014.

Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk



THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2014

NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended

NOTICE is hereby given to the municipal electors of the Town of Fort Erie that commencing January 2, 2014 nominations may be made for the following offices by filing the prescribed nomination papers and nomination fee in the Office of the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie:

Mayor (1 to be elected)
Regional Councillor (1 to be elected)
Councillor Ward 1 (1 to be elected)
Councillor Ward 2 (1 to be elected)
Councillor Ward 3 (1 to be elected)
Councillor Ward 4 (1 to be elected)
Councillor Ward 5 (1 to be elected)
Councillor Ward 6 (1 to be elected)

Trustee, District School Board of Niagara (English Public School)
(1 to be elected for the combined area of Fort Erie and Port Colborne)

Trustee, Niagara Catholic District School Board (English Separate School)
(1 to be elected for combined the area of Fort Erie, Port Colborne and Wainfleet)

Nominations for the following School Boards having jurisdiction in the Town of Fort Erie shall be filed with the Clerk of the City of Welland:

Trustee, Conseil scolaire Viamonde (French Public School)
(1 to be elected for the combined area of Fort Erie, Niagara Falls,
Pelham, Port Colborne, Thorold, Wainfleet and Welland.)

Trustee, Conseil scolaire de district catholique centre-sud (French Separate School)
(1 to be elected for the combined area of Fort Erie,
Pelham, Port Colborne, Wainfleet and Welland.)

A nomination form must be signed by the candidate and may be filed with the Clerk in person or by an agent from January 2, 2014 to September 11, 2014, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or on Nomination Day, September 12, 2014, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The prescribed nomination filing fee of \$200 for Mayor and \$100 for Regional Councillor, Councillor or School Trustee, must accompany the nomination form. The fee is payable in cash, by debit card, certified cheque or money order made payable to the Town of Fort Erie. The nomination form must be certified by the Clerk before any person becomes a certified candidate for the office to which he or she is nominated. Candidates for French School Board Trustee must file the nomination paper with the Clerk of the City of Welland.

A candidate must have registered by filing the nomination form and fee before he/she expends any funds on a campaign or accepts any contributions.

All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that candidates and electors with disabilities are able to receive information and copies of election documents in a format that takes into account their disability. This format may be agreed upon between the requester and the Town Clerk.

Please direct all enquiries to the Clerk/Returning Officer. Further information and forms are available on the Town's website at www.town.forterie.on.ca

DATED AT FORT ERIE this 6th day of February, 2014.

Carolyn J. Kett, A.M.C.T.,
Town Clerk/Returning Officer
Town of Fort Erie
905-871-1600, Ext. 2211
e-mail: ckett@forterie.on.ca

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TOWN OF FORT ERIE NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

3017 THUNDER BAY ROAD

OWNER: ANTHONY AND DONNA GIOIA

AGENT: RICHARD HALINDA

Application: 350309-0378

DATE: MARCH 3, 2014
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PROPOSED CHANGE

A Zoning By-law Amendment application has been received for the property located on the south side of Thunder Bay Road, east of Bernard Avenue with the municipal address 3017 Thunder Bay Road. The subject property is zoned Waterfront Residential WR Zone, Hazard H Zone and Environmental Conservation EC Zone in accordance with Zoning By-law 129-90. The applicant requests permission to enclose an existing open porch located 24.37 metres from the 1-in-100 year flood elevation as determined by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, whereas Section 6.47 of Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 129-90 requires a minimum setback of 30 metres (98.43 feet).

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the Public Meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Zoning By-law Amendment, please send a letter c/o the Town Clerk Carolyn Kett, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6 or an email to ckett@town.forterie.on.ca

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not yet made a decision regarding this application.

After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, Council-in-Committee at this meeting will consider a recommendation report on the Zoning By-law Amendment application.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law amendment before the By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Fort Erie to the Ontario Municipal Board.

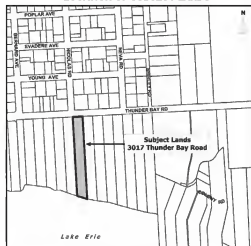
If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law amendment before the By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board, unless in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk and such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2014

Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk

LOCATION OF SUBJECT LANDS



MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Matt Kornhuber, Senior Development Planner at (905) 871-1600 extension 2507 or information@town.forterie.on.ca. A copy of the Information Report will be available to the public on February 27th, 2014. The information report will be available in the Council agenda portion of the Town's Web Site: www.town.forterie.on.ca or from the Community and Development Services Department.

Richard F. Brady, MA, MCIP, RPP, Director of Community and Development Services

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING

COMBINED OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT AND DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION

3839 REBSTOCK ROAD

OWNER: PARKLANE HOMES (ED LENCHYSHYN)

AGENT: UPPER CANADA CONSULTANTS

Applications: 350309-087, 350308-095 & 350309-0377

DATE: MARCH 3, 2014
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PROPOSED CHANGE

Applications for a Combined Official Plan Amendment, Zoning Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision have been received from Upper Canada Consultants, Agents for Park Lane Homes for the Lands located at 3839 Rebstock Road. The purpose of the applications is to permit the development of the 1.142 hectare property as a subdivision containing 23 freehold street townhouse units.

The property is currently designated Institutional in the Town's Official Plan. The application to amend the Official Plan is to change the designation to Urban Residential to permit the development of the site as a subdivision. The site is currently zoned site specific Institutional I-266 Zone in the Town's comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90 which permits an extended care nursing home and retirement home. The Zoning By-law Amendment application proposes to change to zoning to a site specific Residential Multiple 1 RM1 Zone to permit the townhouse dwellings with reduced front yard and side yard setbacks and increased building coverage.

The proposed plan of subdivision includes 23 freehold street townhouses in 6 blocks fronting onto a public road ending in a cul-de-sac. The density of the proposed subdivision is approximately 20 units per hectare.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the Public Meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Zoning By-law Amendment, please send a letter c/o the Town Clerk Carolyn Kett, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6 or an email to ckett@town.forterie.on.ca

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not yet made a decision regarding these applications.

After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, a Recommendation Report will be prepared for a future Council-in-Committee meeting.

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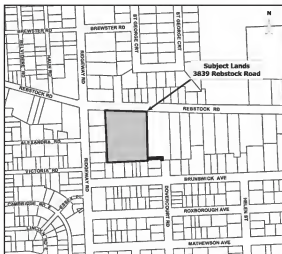
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If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk and such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2014

Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk

LOCATION OF SUBJECT LANDS



MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Matt Kershman, Senior Development Planner at (905) 871-1600 extension 2507 or mkershman@town.forterie.on.ca. A copy of the Information Report will be available to the public on February 27th, 2014. The information report will be available in the Council agenda portion of the Town's Web Site: www.town.forterie.on.ca or from the Community and Development Services Department.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING

DRAFT PLAN OF CONDOMINIUM (COMMON ELEMENT)

ABINO DUNES

OWNER: ABINO DUNES CORPORATION

AGENT: RICHARD HALINDA

Applications: 350303-018

DATE: MARCH 3, 2014
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PROPOSED CHANGE

An application has been received for a Draft Plan of Common Element Condominium for the Abino Dunes Subdivision in Fort Abino. The subject property is located at the south west limit of the Town of Fort Erie and has an area of approximately 33 hectares (81.5 acres). The lands are in the process of developing for 28 single detached dwellings each with a private sewage disposal system. The Minister of Municipal Affairs granted approval for a Plan of Condominium in the 1980's. The Condominium Approval that was granted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in the 1980's did not permit the final approval and registration of the Condominium Plan until such time as all single detached dwellings were constructed and services were installed. Recent changes to the Condominium Act now allow for the registration and creation of a condominium corporation prior to full build out.

The purpose of the Application for Common Element Condominium is to permit a Common Element Condominium to be registered prior to the subdivision being fully developed.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on the proposed Draft Plan of Condominium is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the Public Meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Draft Plan of Condominium, please send a letter c/o the Town Clerk Carolyn Kett, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6 or an email to ckett@town.forterie.on.ca

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not yet made a decision regarding this application.

After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, a Recommendation Report will be prepared for a future Council-in-Committee meeting.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie in respect of the proposed Draft Plan of Condominium before the approval authority give approval to the Draft Plan of Condominium, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Fort Erie to the Ontario Municipal Board.

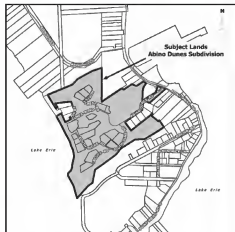
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If you wish to be notified of the approval of the Draft Plan of Condominium, you must make a written request to the Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk and such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2014

Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk

LOCATION OF SUBJECT LANDS



MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Matt Korman, Senior Development Planner at (905) 871-1600 extension 2507 or mekorman@town.forterie.on.ca. A copy of the Information Report will be available to the public on February 27th, 2014. The information report will be available in the Council agenda portion of the Town's Web Site: www.town.forterie.on.ca or from the Community and Development Services Department.

Richard F. Brady, MA, MCIP, RPP, Director of Community and Development Services

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Returning students **MUST** apply. Application forms are available on-line and at Town Hall. The deadline for receiving applications is **5:00 p.m. FRIDAY MARCH 21, 2014**. The Town of Fort Erie is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation is available to candidates upon request.

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Alternatively, the bid documents may be picked up at the J. L. Gibson Operations Centre, 1818 Pettit Road, Fort Erie ON starting February 6, 2014. If a hard copy is required, please contact Bart Menage bmenage@forterie.on.ca or at (905) 871-1600 ext. 2303., to make suitable arrangements.

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One (1) Vacancy



BUSINESS/SHOPPING

Crystal Beach BIA
One (1) Vacancy



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Advisory Committee
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ZOOMERS 50+

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For more information on these boards and committees, please see By-laws establishing each of the boards/committees at the Town's website: www.forterie.on.ca under Town Hall "C" for "Committees."

We look forward to receiving your application by Wednesday, February 12, 2014 by 4:00 p.m. Applications are available:

- On the Town's website www.forterie.on.ca under Public Notices – Board and Committee Vacancies, or from the Clerk's Office.
- Or you can submit a letter setting out relevant background information.

Submissions will be accepted by the Clerk via:

1. Email: ckett@forterie.on.ca
2. Mail: Town of Fort Erie, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6
3. Hand delivery to the Customer Service Desk, Town Hall
4. Fax: 905-871-4022

Cheryl Watson, Legislative Assistant, welcomes enquiries at 905-871-1600 ext. 2212 or email: cwatson@forterie.on.ca

This information is being collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to select persons for appointments to Town of Fort Erie boards and committees. A public open ballot process is used when an election is required to select an appointee. The ballots are public documents.

Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie

Thibert: Fort Erie's future could be grim

Annie Pasquariello
For The Times

"The only endangered species you will see is your children working in Fort Erie," Jim Thibert predicted for the future of Fort Erie.

Thibert said his grim prediction will come true if members of the community and all levels of government don't work together for a better future.

With many challenges and uncertainty for citizens in Fort Erie, Thibert, the general manager Fort Erie's Economic Development and Tourism Corporation, along with Dean Demizio, president of the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Doug Martin addressed

those issues on Wednesday morning at the Clarion Hotel during the annual State of Fort Erie address.

The event, which was hosted by the Chamber, brought out business owners, municipal and regional councillors and candidates in the upcoming byelection.

Mayor Martin said the economy in Fort Erie is in a "tough spot" and this last term with council has been a challenge.

From the exit of many experienced staff members, to the treatment of the Molinaro Group and other developers, he said there needs to be more focus on the town's priorities.

See Page 17



Mayor Doug Martin addresses the crowd at the annual State of Fort Erie event hosted by the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday.

ANNIE PASQUARIELLO Special to The Times

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ONTARIO PC

A lack of service and industrial land has hurt the town

From Page 16

"Many projects that were positive and moving forward—the racetrack, the speedway, Bay Beach—have been stalled, unfortunately, by the province or by council," he said.

Martin used an analogy of a football coach with a losing team who brought them to a championship game to emphasize how important the byelection and upcoming municipal election will be in nine months.

"Professional teams are made up of management and staff who put together the best and the brightest and are able to hire players and get rid of players who are not performing," Martin said.

"In politics, the fans

chose the team to go forward. As fans of our team, stay involved and choose wisely," he added.

A sentiment reiterated by Thibert, who foresees growth and development in the town, with a simple philosophy.

"Increase wealth in Fort Erie. Without growth, we stay stagnant," he said.

As he discussed different sectors that are stable or declining, Thibert said lack of service and industrial land has hurt the town. He also said the closure of some businesses, specifically Vertis Communications and Jarvis Pharma, are global issues which cannot be controlled.

He emphasized people are looking for value, whether it be a developer, a consumer, or our neighbours to the south.



We have a binational community between Fort Erie and Buffalo and we should find ways to use that to our advantage."

— Jim Thibert

"This is the lowest level of U.S. same-day trippers we have seen since the 1970s. Americans have had a tough time with the economy too," he said.

"We have a binational community between Fort Erie and Buffalo and we should find ways to use

that to our advantage."

Thibert outlined internal and external influences that affect development, both positively and negatively, plus where he sees future potential.

One of the main internal threats concerning potential investors is the government of Fort Erie. According to Thibert, Fort Erie's current status displays a divided council, public relations issues, low-bench strength and unionized employees ready to strike.

Policies at the provincial level have been an external influence affecting the Town's industrial land plans. Those include provincially significant wetlands, urban service boundary limitations, and restricted from converting agricultural land to industrial.

"We are only asking for

1.5% of wetlands to be used for industrial development.

There is some legislation that needs to be approved and we need people at the regional level to help. Our (EDTC) position is to make it happen," he says.

Some of the more positive prospects include Eurocopter, Fleet Canada, Rich's Canada, Canadian Motor Speedway and the Fort Erie Racetrack.

Thibert said he has never felt better about the racetrack and all three parties are pushing for it in the upcoming byelection.

Not only are politicians and the EDTC working for a better Fort Erie, but Demizio pointed out that the Chamber and its 400 members want to see businesses attracted here.

"We want Fort Erie to be the place to be. We are committed to Fort Erie and

want to see a positive future," Thibert said.

One of Thibert's messages to Fort Erie council is to start working together as he said the issue is having a responsibility to everyone in town.

Among the EDTC's and Thibert's recommendations to businesses and government, there is one thought that applies to all citizens of Fort Erie.

"If you believe this is 'Fort Dreary' it will be 'Fort Dreary,'" Thibert said.



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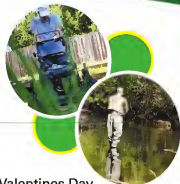
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Group promotes Poverty Free Ontario

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Poverty is an issue that affects thousands of Canadians across Ontario and it's an issue that Bridges Community Health Centre hopes is addressed in the provincial by-election on Feb. 13.

The health centre has partnered with Poverty Free Ontario, an initiative that represents more than 20 communities in the province, said Bridges health promoter Rhonda Barron.

Barron said Poverty Free Ontario is a campaign focused on making sure poverty is an election issue.

"During the 2011 provincial election, we were trying to make

some arrangements to get signs in Fort Erie and Port Colborne in anticipation of the spring election," Barron said.

"There's not a lot of time, but we're trying to get something going to raise awareness about poverty during this election," she added.

Barron said many people are "deep in poverty" living on social assistance.

"I think it's a move in the right direction but we need more," Barron said of the provincial government's decision to increase minimum wage to \$11 as of June 1.

Barron said Niagara is one of the most economically repressed areas.

"For every one job in Niagara, there are about 100 applicants," she added.

The Poverty Free Ontario campaign is spreading its message to many organizations and groups including to members of Holy Trinity Church in Chippawa.

Rev. Bill Mous of the Anglican Diocese of Niagara said the campaign is a way to bring community members and groups together to raise awareness about poverty.

"We have been meeting with MPs to raise the issue, and we're calling for a bold action to reduce poverty in Ontario," Mous said.

Holy Trinity Anglican Church is part of a diocese in Niagara which has been involved with the Poverty Free Ontario Network for years, Mous said.

He is hopeful that Ontario will one day be free of poverty.

"I am a hopeful person, but we need to be vigilant and we need people to be part of the public discourse," he said.

"The most important piece (of this by-election) is the need for people to help us. They need to attend all-candidates meetings and ask politicians what they will be doing to reduce poverty in Ontario," Mous added.

He said he hopes people will go out on Feb. 13 and vote to make a difference and to end poverty.

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BILL MOUS Special to The Times

Members of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Chippawa encourage people to learn more about poverty with the Poverty Free Ontario campaign.



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Newalta on Pettit Rd. in Fort Erie has lost 13 employees to job cuts.

Newalta closes part of its operation

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

A waste management company has closed part of its operation, leaving 13 people without a job.

"We're closing part of our operation at Newalta in Fort Erie," said Greg Jones, the company's managing director of corporate and customer communications.

"We have two parts of the business. We have the chemical processing side, the battery processing side," Jones said of the plant

on Pettit Rd.

"It's the chemical waste processing that will be impacted. We're redirecting that business to other Newalta facilities," he added.

The announcement that the chemical waste processing work would be relocated to other facilities was announced to employees and customers on Jan. 13. Jones said a few staff members have been retained to complete "already planned business."

"We've also got volumes of

material in storage that needs to be cleaned up but it should be wrapped up by the end of February," Jones said.

Once the chemical waste processing division is cleared out, Jones said the operation will have four employees.

"With the significant decline in the manufacturing sector, our business has declined over the last five years," Jones said.

Newalta, which has 11 facilities in Ontario, will also see the closure of its Windsor plant.

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Who will be selected for Fort Erie Time's 1st Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards?

We're extremely proud of the contributions volunteers make to our community. We all know many of these often unsung heroes who add so much to the quality of life in Greater Fort Erie - let's put their names forward for official recognition by The Fort Erie Time's and its Readers and the Citizens of Greater Fort Erie in a special section in the Fort Erie Times during National Volunteer Week. Simply complete the nomination form, submitting the volunteer's name in one of the following categories:

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| 1. Work with Seniors | 6. Education | 10. Work with Needy or Disabled |
| 2. Work with Youth | 7. Sports and Recreation | |
| 3. Historical Contribution | 8. Safety | 11. Volunteers under 21 |
| 4. Cultural (Arts, Music, etc.) | 9. Service Clubs | 12. Community Events |
| 5. Protecting the Environment | | |

In addition to the 12 categories listed, if you wish to submit a new category for recognition please submit the category and we will give it consideration to be added to the list. All names submitted must include a letter of supporting information stating why your nominee should win. Nominations will be gathered by the Fort Erie Times to be forwarded to the selection committee. One volunteer in each category will be selected to be honoured by the Fort Erie Times at a special ceremony and will be profiled in the Fort Erie Times during National Volunteer Week.

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3. Selected volunteers must agree to appear in a special feature story or another nominee will be selected.
4. Nominations are limited to people who live in the Town of Greater Fort Erie Area

Nomination Deadline Extended
Friday March 14th 2014

Taxes poised to rise 2.72%

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Town of Fort Erie's taxes are set to rise 2.72%, or \$24 per household on average this year.

Councillors met last Wednesday night to discuss the municipality's 2014 operating budget.

Mayor Doug Martin said budget time can be "a challenge" but he believes the increase for Fort Erie residents is "modest" and "reasonable".

When the Niagara Region's and the school boards' budgets are factored in, Fort Erie's portion of the tax increase is a modest 0.93%, Martin added.

The general levy budget sits at \$21,543,574 with a base budget of \$20,559,545. Council also supported a

\$984,029 supplementary budget.

One of the most significant expenditures in the budget includes honouring a promise council made last summer to fund a portion of the cost of building a new hospital in south Niagara, Martin said.

Council voted to put \$200,000 in a reserve fund toward a \$3 million commitment for the future hospital.

"I am really excited about this. Hopefully, in the next five years, we will have a state-of-the-art hospital in south Niagara," Martin said.

The second significant item in the budget is \$500,000 that will be put toward the town's capital reserve fund.

Martin said the money that will be placed into the town's capital reserve fund will meet an obligation to set aside

money to repair the town's infrastructure.

"We're committed to the infrastructure needs of the town and we need to ensure from year-to-year, we set aside enough money in the budget," he said.

Other items include \$1.4 million in funding for the Fort Erie Public Library, \$10,000 to assist the reopening of the Kinsmen Pool and \$28,000 for Business Improvement Associations.

Martin said the operating budget will be formally approved by council during its Feb. 10 meeting.

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Improvement incentives in works for business owners

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Town of Fort Erie is looking to make its downtown areas more vibrant with financial incentives for business owners.

The public was invited to an open house in the atrium at town hall last Wednesday to view plans for the Community Improvement program planned for downtown Ridgeway and downtown Bridgeburg.

"A CIP is a plan that includes financial incentives to give a facelift and promote urban renewal," manager of land use policy Dave Heyworth said.

Heyworth said there are three types of improve-

ments business owners will be able to apply for—facade improvements, signage and constructing apartments above commercial buildings—if council approves the program.

For each application received and approved, Heyworth said the owner must pay 50% of the cost and the Town and the Niagara Region will each fund 25% of the cost up to a total of \$5,000.

Heyworth said the program could be in place as early as May and a committee will be formed to review and approve applications for funding.

Neighbourhood planner Chris Miller said the goal of the program is to make both downtown Ridgeway

and Bridgeburg an area that attracts new business, and new residents.

The downtown is an important part of the community and you need your downtown to be vibrant and attractive to inspire new growth," he said.

Miller said other municipalities in Niagara are offering CIPs to improve their downtowns. To develop Fort Erie's program, Miller said town staff have contacted other municipalities to learn more about CIPs.

The Town has also set aside \$120,000 to fund the program once it begins.



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Neighbourhood planner Chris Miller was on hand last week to educate the public about a potential Community Improvement Program in the works for local business owners in downtown Ridgeway and Bridgeburg.

Residents explore ice caves in Crystal Beach

Joseph Bird
Fort Erie Times

Mother Nature has constructed a stunning crystal-like phenomenon in Crystal Beach.

Ice caves have formed at the public boat launch in Crystal Beach, near the Palmwood Hotel. The phenomenon is called shove ice, which is the formation of ice that freezes on top of the water in winter time, then high winds come in, break up all the ice and the waves pound the ice into shore pushing it up on top of itself building castles of ice on the water.

Recent major windstorms have built the ice up to about 30 feet high and in the bay by the hotel.

This year, unlike all other years, the shove ice created three amazing caves in the ice formations. The largest of the three caves is about 30 feet deep and are about 15 feet wide and have a head space of roughly six feet high.

People from across Niagara are coming in to

look at the caves and the ice formations from all over.

"It is a rare sight, seeing the ice caves" said Sherri Rossi, a lifelong Fort Erie resident.

Rossi said she has never seen such a formation of ice that included caves.

"These are a once-in-a-lifetime view, simply beautiful and very stunning," she added.

While visiting the caves with her daughter and friends, Rossi said she joked there were polar bears living inside the caves.

Fort Erie's Tim Hall loves grabbing a coffee, sitting by the water front and relaxing to take in the sights.

But this past weekend, he brought his two children Lexi and James Hall, out to see the caves over the week end.

Hall's son James said he wished he could invite all his friends to the cave on Super bowl Sunday to eat pizza and watch the game.

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Catholic Church, Victory Christian Centre International at the Salvation Army and Trinity Lutheran Church each Saturday.

McDowell said the churches are members of the Fort Erie Food Security Network which consists of members of the community committed to increasing awareness of food security issues in the community and advocating change and improving food security.

McDowell said St. Paul's serves 50 to 120 on

average.

"But it depends on the weather," he added.

The goal of the program, McDowell said, is to feed the mind and the body. When

people attend luncheons each week, they don't just come for the food, they come for the conversation with other members of the community.

"When people come in they are hungry and we feed them, and we also provide them with fellowship," McDowell said.

For more information

about volunteering for the Food For Soul community luncheons, call St. Paul's Anglican Church at 905-871-6704.

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Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

A hearty meal can do a lot for the soul.

Volunteers at St. Paul's Church on Idylwyld St. in Fort Erie know the powerful impact a good meal and conversation can have on a person.

On the fourth Saturday of every month, a handful of volunteers rise early in the morning, beginning their day at 7 a.m., to begin preparing lunches as part of the Food for the Soul program. Deacon Roderick McDowell said.

The community luncheon program is hosted by St. Andrew's-Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Michael Roman

• Community Meals are held every Saturday of the month

• Feb. 8: The Salvation Army hosted by Victory Christian Centre International 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Feb. 15: St. Michael's Catholic Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

• Feb. 22: St. Paul's Anglican Church, 11:30 to 1 p.m.



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Volunteers at St. Paul's Church on Idylwyld help prepare meals for the public every fourth Saturday of the month as part of the community luncheon program.

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Save the date for the Black, White and Read gala

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Save the date for one of Fort Erie's finest events.

The Adult Literacy Council is preparing for its biggest bi-annual fundraiser, the Black, White and Read Gala, said event chairmen Stephen Passero.

The event will be held

Saturday, April 12 at the Leisurplex Banquet Hall and Passero is encouraging people to mark that date on their calendars.

Passero described the gala as one of Fort Erie's "premium" events that is held once every two years.

This year's theme is 'Ready, Aim, Celebrating the Past and

Inspiring the Future.' Passero said the theme is inspired by the War of 1812 bicentennial to coincide with the ongoing commemorations.

Although Passero wouldn't say how the gala will incorporate an 1812 theme, he said people will be surprised and delighted at this year's event.

ALC chairman Kay Green

said the gala is the primary fundraiser for the non-profit organization.

The ALC is a volunteer-driven registered charity that promotes literacy and empowers adult learning and assist people in improving their literacy skills. The organization formed in 1978 with the goal to provide help in basic reading, writing and math for people in the community who are no longer in the school system.

This year, the Adult Literacy Council has teamed up with

Leadership Niagara, a leadership program that gives participants an opportunity to complete projects in their community.

Angela Friedrich of Leadership Niagara, said the program chooses a limited number of projects each year to support.

She said Leadership Niagara chose to participate in the ALC's gala because there is a "great need" for the organization's services.

"I think it (the ALC) hits a soft spot with me," Friedrich said.

While attending high school, Friedrich tutored adults in literacy.

"The best part of being a tutor is to see a person flourish (with reading and writing). There is a lot of need here (in Fort Erie) and there needs to be more of a spotlight on this area."

Tickets for the gala are \$100 each and more information about the gala can be obtained by calling the ALC at 905-871-6626 or e-mail Maria Salva at maria@literacytoronto.ca or sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca



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Take the Quit to Win Challenge and kick your smoking addiction

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

When Hector Ramirez
decided to quit smoking, he

didn't tell anyone at first.
The 53 year-old Fort Erie

resident decided he wanted
to attend a six-week smoking
cessation workshop at Bridges
Community Health
Centre to kick his
27-year-old habit.

"The first reason
why I wanted to quit
is because it is expensive," Ramirez said.

"The second reason
why I wanted to quit
is because it used to be a form of
pleasure for me. Now, it just doesn't
make any sense," he added.

After a six-month
long journey to end
his habit, Ramirez
said he hasn't
stopped lighting up,



Hector Ramirez

I lived in Mexico and at that
time, a lot of people
smoked," he said.

"So when I decided to
quit, I knew it would be very
hard."

Thanks to the workshops
offered by Bridges
Community Health Centre
during the last year, Ramirez
said he smoking less, and
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himself of the habit.

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Ridgeway Wellness Centre gives people tips on how to quit smoking

Annie Pasquariello
Special to The Times

Whether it started as a new year's resolution, health concerns or financial reasons, quitting smoking can be a difficult habit to break.

Susan Fyke, addiction clinician and TEACH certified tobacco specialist, says breaking habits pose a challenge because humans hate change.

Fyke held a seminar at Ridgeway Wellness Centre Wednesday night to discuss the stages of change and why changing a habit is so difficult.

Biological, psychological and environmental stressors are all components of addiction, she says.

The five stages of change people go through are pre-contemplative, contemplative, planning, action and maintenance.

In the pre-contemplative stage, a person has no interest in changing for at least six months.

The contemplative change is next, which can be a lengthy process, taking up to two years or longer. This is the stage that a person is thinking about change and weighing the pros and cons of quitting.

The planning stage is the first step to change when a person starts to make a plan. Putting that plan into action leads to the fourth stage—the action stage—which is to follow through with the plan and make the change.

The maintenance stage is when a person has totally changed their behaviour and modified their lifestyle.

Fyke says where a person is in the stages can help determine how willing and ready they are to quit.

Melanie Willick, 51, who has been smoking for 36 years and smokes a pack of cigarettes a day, came to the seminar because she is hoping to quit.

"I haven't ever tried to quit before, but I want to be a grandchild and I have to

travel. I don't want to be on oxygen and that's the reality of it," says Willick.

Some tips Fyke offers are to keep a journal and figure out why you are smoking.

She wants people to ask themselves if smoking is an enjoyable activity and

if it helps them to relax.

Another helpful tool is to have a relapse prevention strategy to help stay focused.

Based out of the Ridgeway Wellness Centre, Fyke offers a free first consultation for people who want to quit smoking if they are ready or just interested in the idea of quitting.

Fyke says people tend to get discouraged quickly and she gives people tools

to cope with quitting and addiction.

"I help clients identify their strengths and help them stay motivated and help them identify stressors or triggers," she says. "If I believe in my client, they start believing in themselves."

For more information you can visit Fyke's website at smokefreeniagara.com, or the Ridgeway Wellness Centre's website at ridgewaywellnesscentre.com.



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Janet Gigone, owner of the Ridgeway Wellness Centre, and Susan Fyke, addiction clinician and TEACH certified tobacco specialist, at the Centre before Fyke's seminar on why change is so difficult.

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Lori Vaughan
Special to The Times

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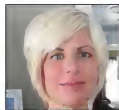
In addition to my Mom, we have other family members on our team, one that is a breast cancer survivor and another that is still battling cancer.

Having two daughters of my own, it's very important to me to support the

Canadian Cancer society and make a contribution towards their efforts to find a cure and provide support programs for cancer patients.

Relay for life is such an amazing event where you're surrounded by loved ones, neighbors and friends all cheering you on from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. as you celebrate life and fight cancer. Teams stay overnight in the decorated tent city, united to enjoy music, food, activities and entertainment and to celebrate life.

One of my favorite moments of the evening is the luminary ceremony where we line up candles that are placed in special bags that bear the names of cancer survivors and loved ones who have lost their battle with



Lori Vaughan

cancer. I would love to see a bigger attendance at the event and would encourage members of the community to attend the kick off meeting and information night being held on Feb. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Fort Erie Golf Course, 1640 Garrison Rd.

The event means so much to me that last year I joined the planning committee and I look forward to volunteering at the event as well as walking.



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Management for superficial fungal infections involves some simple non-drug methods, and over-the-counter remedies in the form of sprays lotions and creams. Affected individuals should try to reduce moisture in the affected area. Loose-fitted clothing made of cotton or material that absorbs moisture should be worn. The skin should be dried completely before covering with clothing. If the infection involves the feet, flip flops should be worn with bare feet to prevent spread to others and reinfection.

There are also many topical antifungal agents available. Examples include CANESTEN CREAM (clotrimazole), NIZORAL SHAMPOO (ketoconazole), and MONISTAT-DERM (miconazole), to name a few. Creams and solutions are useful because they can be rubbed into the area. Solutions work in hairy areas because they are easier to apply. Powders can serve as useful additions to creams and solutions. They are helpful when the infection is wet or oozing, or where a drying agent is needed. When applying the antifungal product it should be applied to the lesion as well as one to two inches around the lesion. The antifungal should also be used for one to two weeks after lesions clear to reduce the rate of recurrence.

Patients who have diabetes, or those who are immunosuppressed may need prescription oral therapy. It is best for your doctor to assess these fungal infections. Fungal infections of the nail are also resistant to over-the-counter treatment.

There are some home remedies for treating nail fungus. Patients have tried applying VICKS VAPORUB and tea tree oil. There is not a lot of evidence to suggest the efficacy of these products for this condition, however some people may wish to try them before resorting to an oral medication.

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Niagara recyclers are above average.

Waste Diversion Ontario recently released figures that showed a drop in the amount of waste in Niagara's diverted

from landfill in 2012, however, Niagara Region's acting director of waste management services says that drop is due to a change in calculation methodology.

"If we take the 2012 numbers and we use the previous methodology,

we would actually come out at 51.53%," Catherine Habermeil said. "Which is above the provincial average of 47.19%."

The new WDO methodology shows Niagara's diversion rate at 49.8%.

"What they've done is they've applied extra garbage tonnes to our Niagara number to compensate for about 12,700 households — mainly apartments which receive private-sect garbage collection — and these numbers are not included in the Region's tonnages because we don't service them."

"They're saying, you provide blue-box programs now (since 2012) to multi-residential buildings, we need to account for the garbage that's also being generated at those buildings, even though Niagara Region doesn't manage that waste."

Habermeil said the Region is still targeting 65% diversion by 2020.

"Based on the old methodology, our diversion rate has increased, so we are going in the right direction."

Habermeil said putting a limit on the number of garbage bags each household can put at the curb for free pick up has helped in recycling. More than one bag at the curb requires a tag be placed on each of them. The tags cost \$2 each.

"It encourages residents to use the diversion program — the blue and grey boxes, the green bin."

In 2013, the Region sold 450,915 garbage tags, which is down from the 498,328 tags sold in 2012. In 2011, a whopping 567,000 tags were sold.

Habermeil said in 2014 the waste-management department is looking to increase the amount of recyclables residents can drop off at its depots. "We're looking at a collection of carpets and mattresses. We want to enhance our collection and recycling of construction materials — shingles, concrete."

"We've really focused on the curbside program, and so this year we will be focusing on our depots and trying to increase diversion of materials at those public drop-off depots."

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FEBRUARY 6**DIANA**

Watch Diana at the Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch. During the last two years of her life, Princess Diana embarks on a final rite of passage: a secret love affair with Pakistani heart surgeon Hasnat Khan. Starring Naomi Watts, Naveen Andrews. 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY 8**LAND BEFORE TIME**

Watch The Land Before Time at the Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch. The original in the series: five orphan dinosaurs travel the ruins of their world, while grieving the loss of their families and banding together to face the odds of survival. 2 p.m.

FEBRUARY 8**MADDEN 25 XBOX**

tournament at Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch. 10:30 a.m. Pick your team and get ready for the gridiron. All players must report at 10:30 for bracketing. Pre-registration requested. Free.

FEBRUARY 12**Take The Times****JIM CONNAUGHTON** Special to The Times

The Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey Association's Team Euro Bantam team brought the Times along to Denmark on Dec. 27 to compete in two tournaments and to celebrate the holidays. From left is Matthew Bolton, Taylor Connaughton, Alex Daudelin, Gabe Grigorov, Connor Hebburn, Jed Hudson, Spencer MacKenzie, J.J. Passero, John Pennacchio, Ben Pike, Owen Robins, Carter Seguin, Daniel VanLunen, Neil Wells and Cliff Witbeck, with coaches Jim Connaughton, Chris Daudelin, Fred Porcino and Ben VanderMeer.

DEPRESSION WORKSHOP

Understand the symptoms of different types of depression. Bridges Community Health Centre, Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road. For more information call 905-871-9153. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ALZHEIMER'S Q & A

Members of the Alzheimer's Society share information about Alzheimer's in a non-threatening and non-frightening way. The more we know, the better prepared we can be when we or our loved ones are affected by this life changing condition. Symptoms, treatments, coping for caregivers. Bring your questions or concerns. Free. Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch. 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 13**TEEN BOOK GROUP**

What are you reading? Come chat about the books that are keeping you on the edge of your seat and make some new friends in the Teen Area at the Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch. Snacks available. Free. 3:30 p.m.

AMAZING GRACE

This biography/drama tells the story of William Wilberforce, the great British anti-slavery activist. Working with John

Newton, slave ship captain turned repentant priest who penned "Amazing Grace," Prime Minister William Pitt, and Olaudah Equiano, the erudite former slave turned author, Wilberforce fights indifference and opposition determined to keep their exploitation safe. Nevertheless, Wilberforce finds the inspiration in newfound love to rejuvenate the fight with new ideas that would lead to a great victory for social justice. 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 14**HAM DINNER**

hosted by the Fort Erie Lions Club. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Lions Seniors Centre, 264 High St., Fort Erie. Adults \$11, children 10 and under \$5.

FEBRUARY 19

RESEARCH AND RENOVATE historic homes. Keith Overend presents information on finding out about and fixing historic homes, the difference between renovation and restoration, and tips from his years of experience. A joint program with the Bertie Historical Society. Free. Fort Erie Public Library Crystal Ridge branch. 7:30 p.m.

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A bouquet for the power company for their outstanding job going out into the terrible weather on Jan. 7 to restore power to the High St. area. Much appreciated for their dedication.

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A brick for the cashier at a local department store. No one cares what kind of bad day your having. When you

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send another bouquet to a lady who was walking her dog, and stopped to help me clear the snow. We cleared the snow as the dog played around in the snow. It was wonderful and it was much appreciated.

Bouquet for Jamaica
A brick to the organizers of the all-party debate that was held this week. During a very important by-election, there are none of the all-candidates nights being televised for people who can't make it to live debate. They have overlooked the fact that not everyone can get to the live debate. At least one or more debates between candidates should be televised.

Bouquet for a husband
A bouquet for my husband who had dinner ready for me when I was home from work late. My husband also took care of the laundry and he even washed the dishes. I don't know what I would do without him. I just want him to know how much I appreciate every little thing he does for me. In these times, it's hard to find people

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VALENTINE CRAFTS

at Fort Erie Public Library. All ages are invited to drop in for a free Valentine's craft. Stevensville branch: Feb. 13, 2 to 5:30 p.m.; Crystal Ridge branch: Feb. 13, 2 to 8:30 p.m.; Centennial branch: Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MAGIC TREE HOUSE

Read a book about Jack and

Annie, do an activity, and collect passport stamps. For Grades 1 and up. \$2. Registration not required. Fort Erie Public Library. Centennial branch: Feb. 20, 4 p.m.

LEGO CLUB

All ages are invited to join the Make It: Lego Club! Work together with others to create a Lego masterpiece! Parents are encouraged to stay through the meetings and build with their kids. Duplo also available. \$2; no registration. Fort Erie Public Library, Centennial branch, Feb. 14, 2:30 p.m.; Crystal Ridge branch: Feb. 22, 2:30 p.m.

GROCERY STORE TOURS

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DIABETES HOT TOPICS

Topics to help people self-manage their diabetes. March 6, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Dental Care and Diabetes, with dental hygienist,

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ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

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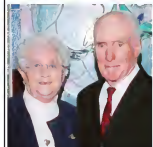
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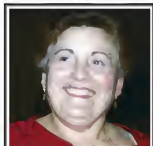
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The family of Shirley Porter wishes to express our Heart-Felt Gratitude and would like to thank all of Shirley's friends and family for their whole hearted unconditional help, support and generosity in making Shirley's Celebration of Life possible. Special Thanks to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 and the Fort Erie Golf Club. Shirley was a kind and caring Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Cousin, and Friend who will be missed by many.

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MANGUS, Rhoda Anne (nee Johns) - Peacefully at Balla Senior Care Residence on Tuesday, January 28, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Albert Mangus. Dear mother of Alan (Kim), Kail McCullough and the late Karl. Sadly missed by her grandchildren Wesley, Kayse, Kari and Braydon. Cherished sister of the late Jim, Ieta Mark, Ieta Betty Craft, Ieta Tommy, David, Joan Barton, Joey (Vi) and Judy (Wynne) Spear. Survived by one and only relative in Canada and many other relatives in Canada and the United States. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, Ridgeway. Private family services will be held at McAffee Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

SMITH, Audrey - Passed away on January 26th, 2014 at Crescent Park Lodge at the age of 94. Cherished mother of G. Robert Smith and Margaret McGee-Smith. Proud grandmother of Justin Smith (Lindsay Gottschalk) and Elizabeth Lake (Robert Lake). Loving great-grandmother of Della and Willa Lake, Max and Harper Smith. Also survived by niece and nephews, Terry Shepler, Marilyn Gervais (Tim), Carl Shepler and Raymond Shepler. Predeceased by her brother Warren Shepler (Velma). **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. A service to Calabrate Audrey's Life will be held at a later date to be determined and announced.



OGILVIE, Mildred "Millie" - Passed away peacefully with her loving family at her side at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Monday February 3, 2014 in her 89th year. Beloved wife of the late Dr. G. E. (Ted) Ogilvie (2002). Loving mother and best friend to Dr. Ted Ogilvie and Kathy Dickson and her husband Charlie. Cherished grandmother of Jennifer Richard (Jammie), Catharine Ogilvie (Jaremy), Scott Dickson (Melanie), Doug Ogilvie and Marjorie Dickson. Loving great-grandmother to Ethan Ogilvie, Emma Richard, Jack Dickson, Duke Dickson, Hannah Richard and Zach & Zia. Sister of Ruth Pickard and the late Russell Minks. Sister-in-law of Helen Ogilvie. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews. Millie helped to establish Ogilvie Chiropractic Clinic in 1954. She enjoyed winters in Florida, creating memories for her family. She had a passion for dancing and painting. Special summer days were spent in Chautauqua with her 3 granddaughters. Millie lived by her words: "Work hard & play hard" and was an inspiration to all who knew her. Many thanks to Dr. Gleeson, Betty, Sue, Bev and Tara for their care and kindness shown to our beautiful mother. Thank you to the caring staff at Douglas Memorial Hospital. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Avenue, Fort Erie. 905-871-0444. Friends are invited to visit at St. Pauls Anglican Church, 52 Ixleyville St. Fort Erie, on Saturday February 8, 2014 from 10 - 11 a.m. The funeral service will follow in the church beginning at 11 a.m. Inurnment will follow at McAffee Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy donations to Welspaning Niagara or the Red Injury Association of Fort Erie would be greatly appreciated.

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van der SLUIS, Henry Johan - Passed away peacefully on Monday January 27, 2014, at Maple Ridge Lodge on the day of his 91st birthday. He was a devoted husband of 65 years and a loving father to Henry (Carol), John (deceased), Lisa (Steve Dushan), and Peter (Sandra). He was also a fun loving grandfather to Jason, Julie, Jonathan and Chelsea and Sarah. Born February 15, 1923 in Netherland, he volunteered to go into American forces in the Marines, trained in Carolina and did a tour in Asia. He immigrated to Canada in the early 50's, worked for Metropolitan Life, and then at General Motors, where he retired. He was always full of adventures and loved life and his family. He will be missed by all that knew him. At his request cremation has taken place and we will have a service at a later time when all his children and grandchildren and relatives can be present. Godspeed Dad on your new adventures. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120.

In Memoriams

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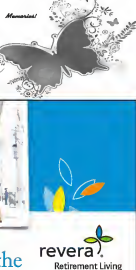


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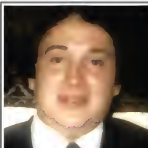
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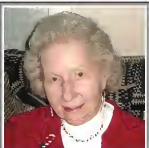
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Dean Cameron Hill

In loving memory of a beloved and dear son and brother, Dean Cameron, who passed away February 2nd, 1988. In tears we saw you sinking. We watched you fade away. Our hearts were also broken. You fought so hard to stay. But when we saw you sleeping So peacefully free from pain. We could not wish you back. To suffer that again. Forever in our hearts and sadly missed by Mom, Brothers, Sisters, and Families.



Marion Young

In loving memory of our beloved Mom and Grandma, who left us on Feb. 5, 2013.

"May the winds of love blow softly and whisper so you'll hear, we will always love and miss you and wish that you were here."

You are always in our hearts.

Love Patti, Darrel, David, and Families.



Thomas Kohlinski (1911 - 1997)

In memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who God called home 17 years ago, February 5, 1997. You are ever near, still dearly missed. With love, Cheri, Margaret, Douglas, Ronald and their families.

MOST Holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant & friend of Jesus, the church honours and invokes thee universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of, pray for me who am so miserable, make use I implore thee of that particular privilege accorded to thee to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of, come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and succor of heaven in all my necessities, sufferings and tribulations, particularly St. Jude (make request). I promise Oh Blessed St. Jude to be ever mindful of the great favour, to always honour thee with God and all the elect forever as my special and powerful patron and to gratefully encourage devotion to thee, Amen. AMT. Publication must be promised



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We who loved you, sadly miss you.
As it has been just a year.

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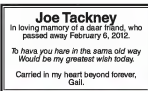


RIEGLE

In loving memory of our dear son, Christopher.

The heartaches in this world are many.
But to lose our son was the greatest of any.
What we all would give to hear him say,
"Hi Mom, Hi Dad" in the same old way.
To hear his voice and see him smile,
To sit and chat with him awhile.
Each time we look at your picture, Christopher,
You seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry, I'm only sleeping,
We'll all be together again someday"

Lovingly remembered always by Mom & Dad.



Joe Tackney

In loving memory of a dear friend, who passed away February 6, 2012.

To have you here in the same old way
Would be my greatest wish today.

Carried in my heart beyond forever,
Gail.



STEWART, Mabel Isabelle (Kellar) -

October 29, 1923 - February 1, 2013.

Grateful for you Mom, and for Dad.

Together now, on the other side,

With praying hands near.

Sorrow is deep, but bright are cherished

memories and God's grace always.

Forever loved by your

- family, friends and neighbours.



Meteors overcome Ancaster 6-3

Collin Stachura
Special to The Times

The Fort Erie Meteors, who were hungry for their first win against Ancaster Avalanche, won 6-3 this weekend.

The Meteors improved their record in games against Ancaster 1-5 in the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League's Golden Horseshoe Conference Saturday night at the Fort Erie Leisurplex.

"Every game this year with Ancaster has been tight. We had to beat them once and we finally did it," assistant coach Greg Johnstone said.

"They (the Meteors) just kept the game simple and stayed out of the penalty box," he added.

The Meteors opened the scoring early Saturday night at the Fort Erie Leisurplex. With only a little over a minute into the first period, they scored first with a goal from Carson Johnstone.

The Avalanche answered back with a goal from Blake Luscombe, but it was Fort Erie

that closed out the first period, with a goal from Alex Hurren.

The Avalanche's Michael Pollice scored one of the two goals that were earned in the second period.

The Meteors' new captain, Braden Kavratz, answered back, and lead his team into the period with a 3-1 lead.

The Avalanche opened the third period with a shorthanded goal from Eric Eustace. The Meteors made their presence known with three unanswered goals from Richard DeMarco, Mike Boles and Jared Marino.

Being appointed the new captain, Kavratz said he plans to do the best he can and be the leader the team needs.

"Nik (Pusero) was happy to hear

that I would be filling his shoes," Kavratz, who stays in touch with the Meteor former captain and close friend, said.

The Meteors next game is at home against the Thorold Blackhawks on Feb. 8. The puck drops at 7:15 at the Fort Erie Leisurplex.

Scoring summary

Period one

Fort Erie: Carson Johnstone, 1:11; Alex Hurren, 4:47

Ancaster: Blake Luscombe, 3:22

Period two

Fort Erie: Braden Kavratz, 13:34

Ancaster: Michael Pollice

Period 3

Fort Erie: Richard DeMarco, 5:26; Mike Boles, 9:01; Jared Marino, 18:29

Ancaster: Eric Eustace, 2:14



COLLIN STACHURA Special to The Times

Mike Boles celebrates with team mates in front of the Ancaster Avalanche's net, after scoring the Meteors fifth goal of the night last Saturday at the Fort Erie Leisurplex. The Meteors defeated the Avalanche 6-3.

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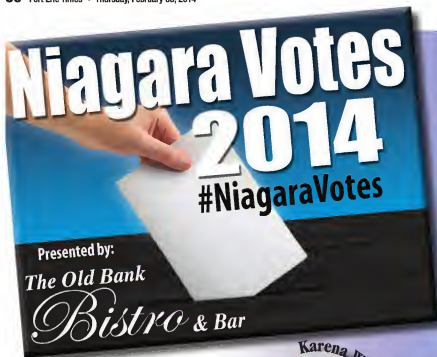
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